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To: Chemical Dependency Outpatient
Treatment Centers
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Chemical Dependency: Fee Schedule Updates and Definition Change

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2010, the Department of Social & Health Services (the Department) will update the Chemical Dependency Fee Schedule with Year 2010 outpatient rate changes. The Department also made a change to the “Opiate Substitution Treatment” definition in the *Chemical Dependency Billing Instructions*.

Overview

All previously published policies remain the same unless specifically identified as changed in this memo.

Fee Schedule Updates and Maximum Allowable Fee Adjustments

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2010, the Department will update the Chemical Dependency Fee Schedule with Year 2010 outpatient rate changes. The Department will adjust the maximum allowable fees to reflect the new rates.

Bill the Department your usual and customary charge.

Viewing Changes to the Fee Schedule

To view the July 1, 2010, fee schedule changes, go to the Department/MPA website online at:
<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/Index.html>.

Updated Definition

The Department changed the definition of Opiate Substitution Treatment on page 5 of the *Chemical Dependency Billing Instructions* to read:

Opiate Substitution Treatment – Services provided to patients in accordance with Chapter 388-805 WAC or its successor. Services are consistent with all state and federal requirements and good treatment practices and must include, as a minimum, the following services: physical evaluation upon admission; urinalysis testing one time per month; medical examination within 14 days of admission and annually thereafter; initial treatment plan and treatment plan review one time per month for the first three months and quarterly thereafter; vocational rehabilitation services as needed (may be by referral); dose preparation and dose dispensing; detoxification if and when needed; patient case management; individual and/or group counseling one time per week for the first three months and monthly thereafter; one session of family planning; 30 minutes of counseling and education per month for pregnant patients; and HIV screening, counseling, and testing referral.

How Can I Get the Department/MPA Provider Documents?

To download and print the Department/MPA provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the Department/MPA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the *Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link).